Dear University of Manitoba Faculty Association,

The workers of CUPE 3902 join in solidarity with the 1,200 University of Manitoba Faculty Association members who have been on strike since November 2. The U of M’s professors, librarians, lecturers, and instructors deserve to teach and work with dignity.

The University administration has ignored your demands for fair wages and humane working accommodations. U of M’s president, Michael Benarroch’s refusal to listen to the thousands of UMFA members, undergraduate students, and allies shows us that Benarroch is not a friend of U of M and profits for the many, but a friend of austerity and profits for the few! Furthermore, it is despicable that the Province of Manitoba has frozen your salaries since 2016 and that, despite the PSSA being deemed unconstitutional in 2017, it was recently overturned. CUPE 3902 applauds your sit-in at Premier Heather Stefanson's office on November 8.

After five years of frozen wages and a sinister ebbing of your working conditions and your students’ learning conditions by the university administration and the province, you have said enough is enough. To the picket lines!

Yours in solidarity from Toronto,

CUPE 3902